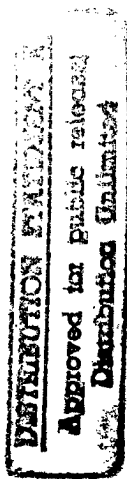


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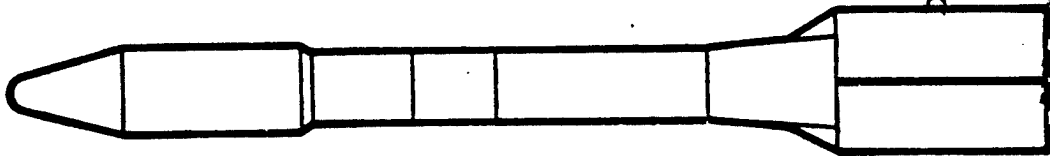
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# **All Solid Motor Launch Vehicle**

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## **Objectives**

- o To provide you with an understanding of our concept for a new launch vehicle
- o To illicit your response to this new concept and obtain your help in defining the solution

## Product Line Plan

- o Use the Stage I Peacekeeper to develop a reliable low-cost solid motor launch vehicle system
  - o 1980's technology
  - o Production line in-operation
- o Provide family of launch configurations
  - o Modular approach
  - o Minimize payload-in-orbit cost
- o Achieve lower cost launch vehicle system
  - o Use demonstrated "off-the-shelf" technology for balance of system
- o Support early flight readiness
  - o 24 months to 1st flight

## **Perception of Need**

- o Backlog of satellite launches due to non availability of compatible launch systems
  - o Expendable launch vehicles
  - o Nonexpendable launch vehicles
- o No priority available for commercial payloads
- o Many payloads with no identified launch systems
- o Requirement exists for reliable, lower cost launch system

## **Product Line Advantages**

- o Majority of vehicle from "ongoing" MTI production
- o Offers a family of vehicles which can provide broad range of capability at minimum user cost including
  - o Launch-On Warning (LOW)
  - o Launch-On Demand (LOD)
- o Concept requires minimal launch permanent crew
- o Can commit to firm launch dates without threat of preemption
- o "Listens to needs of the users"

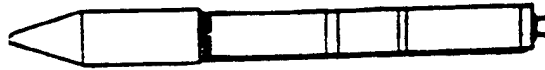
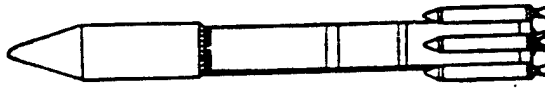
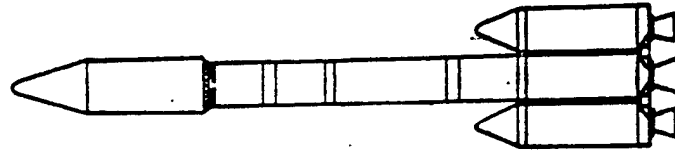
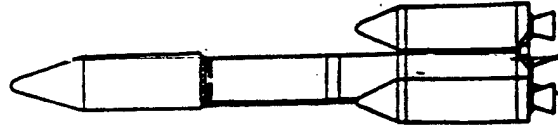
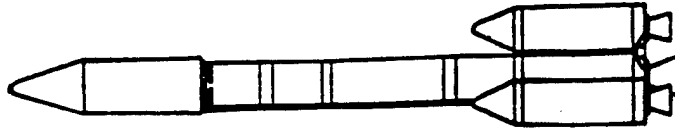
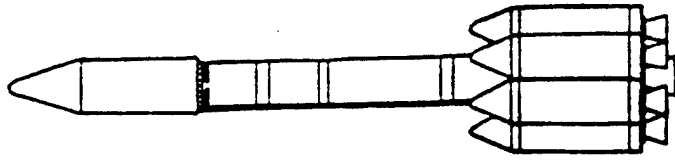
## Design Options

- o All options based on use of Peacekeeper Stage I
- o New third stage motor use
  - o Star 75 or
  - o Shorter Peacekeeper Stage I
- o Combine motors to form "family" of launchers



## ASTRA Configurations

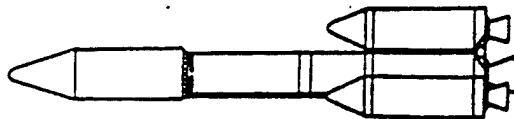
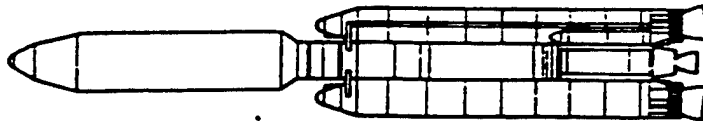
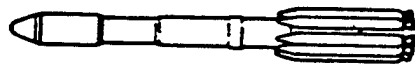
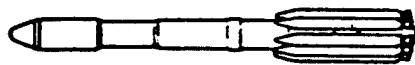
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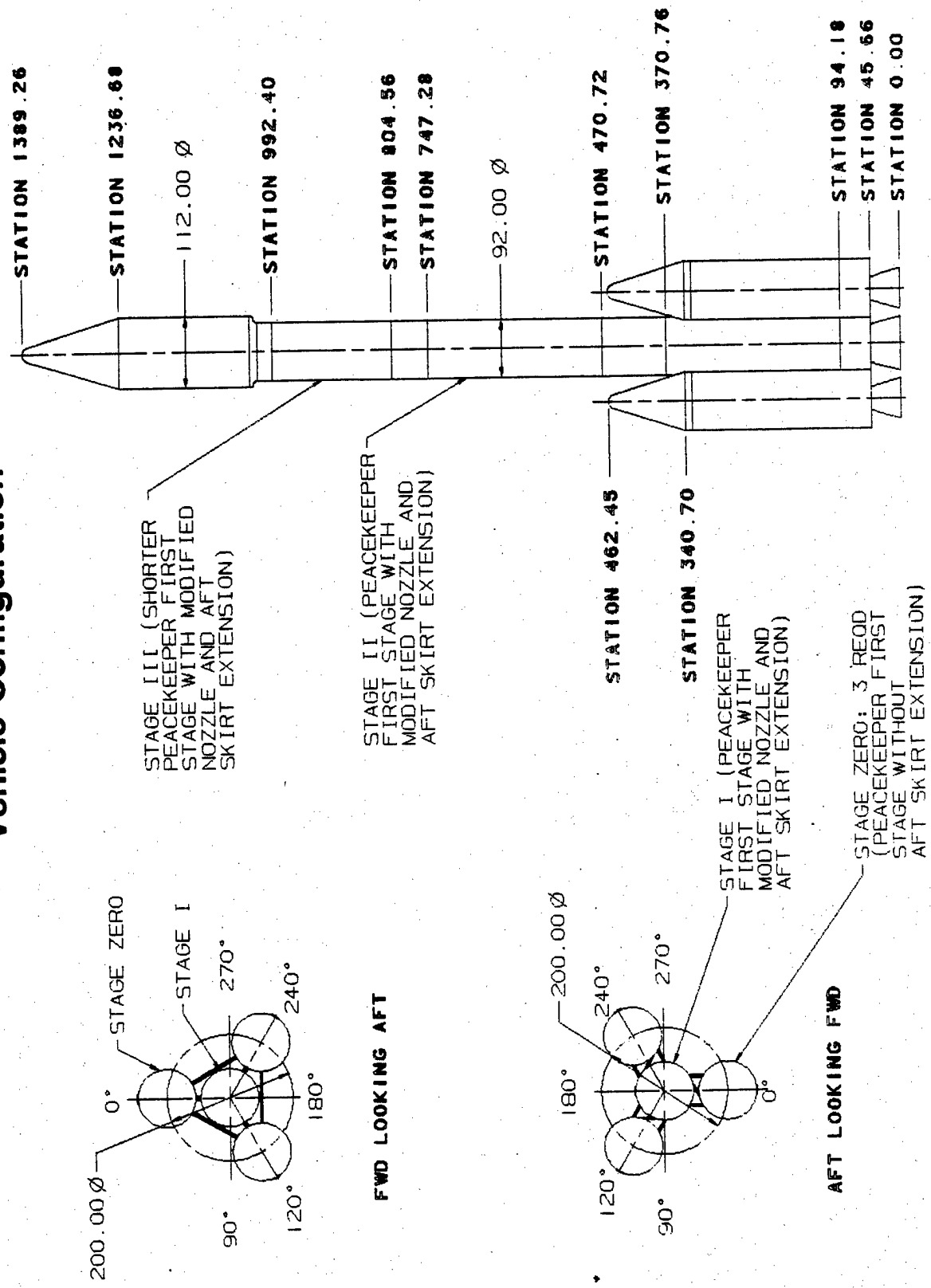
Stage	0	Castor II (5)	PK (2)	PK (3)	PK (3)	PK (6)
I	PK	PK	PK	PK	PK	PK
II	PK	PK	PK	PK	PK	PK
III	Star 75	Star 75	SPK	Star 75	SPK	SPK
Payload to LEO (lb)	3,500	4,500	13,100	11,200	15,500	22,000
Payload to GTO (lb)	1,345	1,730	5,040	4,300	5,960	8,460
Spacecraft to GEO (lb)	0	637	2,435	2,137	2,975	2/1,786 or 1/3,814

# ELV Concept Comparison

Orbit	Delta (1) McDonnell Douglas	Modified Delta (1) McDonnell Douglas	Atlas Centaur General Dynamics	Titan 34D Martin Marietta	ASTRA Morton Thiokol
LEO (100 nmi)	7,910 - 8,455	8,780 - 11,110	12,300	32,900	15,500
GEO	1,450	2,850	2,630	4,200	2,975



# Vehicle Configuration



## **Customer Assessment**

- o Are you in need of such a launch vehicle?**
- o What do you need to better develop our joint understanding?**